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Participation of business sector entities including the private sector in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraphs 14, 15 (b) and 16 of its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development":

(a) Decides that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to existing rules of procedure, business sector entities including the private sector accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(b) Requests the secretariat of the Commission to propose to the Council lists of business sector entities including the private sector not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that express the wish to participate in the work of the Commission, for consideration and approval by the Council in a timely manner, to enable them to participate, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(c) Decides also that, until otherwise decided by the Council, the special arrangement set out in paragraph 15 (b) of Council resolution 2006/46 and paragraph (b) of the present decision shall apply to decision-making with regard to participation of business sector entities including the private sector not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that may express in the future the wish to participate in the work of the Commission;

(d) Emphasizes that the present decision is taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the United Nations, in particular the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 concerning

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the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that it shall not be construed as a precedent;

(e) Decides to review in 2010 the list and modalities of participation of business sector entities including the private sector in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.